

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete prior title and ~~insert~~ the following:

--IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS HAVING VENT TUBE AND

GETTER--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 9 and 13 as follows:

9. (Amended) An image forming apparatus

comprising:

a first plate including electron-emitting

devices;

a second plate being disposed to face said first

plate;

a plurality of spacers disposed between said

first plate and said second plate, said spacers being disposed substantially in parallel with each other and extending in a longitudinal direction;

an outer frame hermetically surrounding a space between said first plate and said second plate; and

a getter being disposed with the space and proximate to [in a vicinity of] a side of said outer frame that is positioned across an imaginary extension of said [spacer] spacers in the longitudinal direction thereof.